

VACo Economic Development and Planning Steering Committee

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Update on 2022 General Assembly Actions Review of 2023 Draft Policy Statement



2022 Virginia General Assembly Review

- **VA Business Ready Sites Program Fund**
– \$159 million over the biennium.
- **Broadband** – \$50 million each year of the biennium for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI).
- **Housing** – \$75 million each year of the biennium for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.



2022 Virginia General Assembly Review (cont.)

- **Extension Land Use Approvals due to COVID-19** – from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2023.
- **Broadband Affordability Plan** – DCHD to develop and use for allocation of federal funds – Due December 1, 2022.
- **Agritourism Event Buildings** – Created technical advisory committee to recommend potential building code standards.



2023 Draft Policy Statement Proposal

Regulation of Event Spaces

VACo opposes exemptions to local review and enforcement of building, fire, and other health and safety regulations for event and assembly spaces.